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**To:** 2024-2025 ASI Board of Directors  
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***Friendly Message for Our Hornets:***

Hello Hornets,

*Welcome Hornets, I hope the spring semester has been treating you well and you're staying healthy. **Study Study Study** Make sure to stay on top of your school schedules, assignments, classes, and tests more importantly watch your **HEALTH** stay ready, so you don't have to be ready **Education is Key** and so is your well-being take care of yourself this semester and beyond. Reach for the highest stars and **Achieve** your **GOALS** you've set out for yourself. Finals will be approaching so make sure to stay **PREPARED** and always remember to be active on our school campus your say can go along way here at Sac State.*

*"It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared." - Whitney M. Young*

*Hornets Out,*

*Faith Vodak*

2024-2025 Strategic Priorities Updates

- ❖ **1.0: Support Enrollment, Engagement, and Retention efforts - (On-Ongoing)**
- ❖ **1.1: Support OGA Civic Engagement Efforts**
  - **1.1.1.: Actively engage in voter registration (Time Frame)- 11/5/2024 - Completed**
- ❖ **1.2: Explore Outreach Opportunities in conjunction with Admissions Outreach**
- ❖ **1.3.: Engage Students in Financial Literacy Events**
  - **1.3.2: Promote ASI Financial resources - 03/31/2025 (In Progress)**
  - **1.3.3.: Promote Sac State Financial Wellness - 03/31/2025**
- ❖ **1.4: Engage with Orientation Department to Enhance the Student Experience**
  - **1.4.1.: Meet with Orientation Department and IPGE to provide feedback - 10/31/2024 (completed)**
  - **1.4.2.: Advocate for the inclusion of resources during the orientation process - 03/31/2025 (In Progress)**
- ❖ **2.0: Support Student Services Programs and Centers**
- ❖ **2.1: Engage in the ongoing Development of the new Basics Needs Center**
  - **2.1.3.: Promote the Basic Needs Center- 03/31/2025 - (In Progress)**
- ❖ **2.2 Support SHAC/The WELL Wellness' Programs**
  - **2.2.1.: Collaborate on at least one Wellness Initiative- 03/31/2025 (In Progress)**
  - **2.2.2.: Partner with "The WELL" on at least one nutrition event- 03/31/2025 (In Progress)**
  - **2.2.3.: Promote the Peer Health Educator Programs- 03/31/2025 (In Progress)**
- ❖ **3.0 Support and Advocate for Academic and Career Resources**
- ❖ **3.1 Engage with Alumni Center on Networking Opportunities**
  - **3.1.2.: Promote with Alumni Center Networking events/programs - 03/31/2025 (In Progress)**
- ❖ **3.2 Engage in discussions and advocacy opportunities for opportunities to students within major field**
  - **3.2.1.: Collaborate with Career Center to advocate, robust Job tool workshops -End of Fall 24 (In Progress)**
  - **3.2.2.: Collaborate with Campus Partners' Career Opportunities- 03/31/2025 (In Progress)**
- ❖ **3.3 Advocate for embedding programs in each college for experimental learning**
  - **3.3.1.: Determine Experiential Education opportunities in the college and report back to the board - 10/31/2024 - (Completed)**

Committee Updates:

Internal Committees:

○ *Student Academic Senate*

- Coordinated a plan to support students that can prevent them from flunking out of classes due to AI (September)
- Met on 9/20/24
- Working on resolution on students' use of AI and Plagiarism (October)
- Meeting on 10/02/24 – Discussed duties, reviewed Faculty Senate agendas, we also discussed committee Strategic Priorities, and met with the members of Faculty Senate, (Chair Gibbs and Parliamentarian Peigahi)
- Reviewed key issues focusing on AI use and oversight including an AI policy meeting included a discussion with a college Provost on how colleges independently handle AI (11/1/24)
- Date: Friday, Nov. 15  
Time: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM  
Location: AIRC Room 1009  
I attended a brief Student Academic Senate meeting. Unfortunately, technical difficulties cut the meeting short, but we still managed to discuss the start of the spring semester and when our first meeting would take place. It was a quick but productive session that set the tone for what's coming in the new semester.
- Attended meeting through Zoom — (02/14/25)
- Meeting attended through Zoom — (02/28/25)

○ *Dean Advisory Council*

- First meeting is 09/26/2024 (September)
  - Went over Budgets, upcoming events, and introduced ourselves and our roles in our respective departments (DAC) also a formal introduction for myself I will have more updates in the next meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting will be held on 10/24/2024
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting is 11/21/24 (November)
  - This meeting reviewed our fall semester goals and went over upcoming changes and expectations for the upcoming spring semester.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting -Cancelled 12/12/24
- 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 02/27/25

University Committees:

○ *Homecoming Committee*

- Improving the Homecoming Experience
- Hosted tabling event for HOCO'24 Football Tailgate
- Hosted/Tabling for a Pep Rally and prepared games (2)

- ***Parent Advisory Council Committee (PAC)***
  - Recently was added to the Board **(10/16/2024)**
  - Will be an active Voting member for (PAC)
  - ASI Board of Directors voted to appoint me to serve on the (PAC) **(10/23/24)**
  - The PAC meeting focused on the budget issues for the Children's Center renovations, which are currently over budget, prompting discussions on potential areas for cuts. Members explored the possibility of implementing solar power options to reduce electricity costs, reviewed staffing shortages, and discussed the closure of Classroom Three until staffing stabilizes. The meeting also addressed a proposed pay raise for some teachers, as well as feedback from parents on recent events, including a Halloween celebration and an upcoming fall dinner event for families. **(11/4/24)**
  - Rescheduled 12/9 meeting due to personal reasons, I held an alternate meeting with children's centers director Sherry. **(12/12/24)**
  - This was the first official meeting of the spring semester, and there were many items on the agenda that needed to be addressed and discussed. The priority was the urgent need to hire more childcare employees. The center has several open positions, which we reviewed, along with some citations and violations. Additionally, we discussed plans for reconstructing the outdoor play area and making other facility modifications and updates. We went over the budget, noting that the children's center is reaching its capacity in many areas and needs support during these transitional times. Furthermore, the center is working on creating workshops for children and their families to help them develop skills that can also be practiced at home. This initiative is a great way to strengthen the childcare community and foster collaboration among parents and staff. **(02/02/25)**
  - **Meeting held will update later in the month 03/03/25**
  
- ***University Disability Advocacy Committee (UDAC)***
  - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting held **10/04/24**
  - Meetings are First Friday of each month
  - Went over Disabled Voter Registration
  - Trying to add a Disability Studies Minor- **need UDAC to Endorse**
  - Addressing Parking Lot/ Agenda items to add to future Internal
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting Held Via zoom. The UDAC covered recent legislative changes impacting students with disabilities, discussing their potential impact and implementation. The committee explored ways to increase support and resources, including reactivating a disability faculty board. **(11/1/24)**

**Monthly Board Meetings/ Other Important Meetings**

▪ **Date: Wed, Oct. 30t, 2024**

Time: 2:00 PM. 5:00 PM.

Location: green and gold room 3<sup>rd</sup> floor University Union

This meeting was a working board meeting where we reviewed Aleutians, legislations, and students' public comments.

▪ **Date: Wednesday Nov. 6, 2024**

Time: 2:00 PM 5:00 PM

Location: green and gold room 3<sup>rd</sup> floor University Union

In the meeting, we discussed the appointment processes for the Director of Business and Director of Health and Human Services positions. Both followed similar steps: applications were reviewed by ASI staff, and the top candidates were interviewed by the search committees. Juliette Lopez was recommended for Director of Business, and Anthony Lopez was nominated for Director of Health and Human Services. We also reviewed the 7-month search for the ASI Executive Director, leading to the recommendation of Hoan Nguyen. Finally, we briefly went over the agenda for the special board meeting on October 23, 2024, with no major discussions on the listed items.

▪ **Date: Wed, Nov. 13, 2024**

Time: 2:00 PM 5:00 PM

Location: green and gold room

The board focused on transparency, inclusivity, and student support. Key decisions included renewing the Spring 2025 elections contract with Big Pulse for a neutral voting process and approving the election schedule. I appreciated the adoption of resolutions supporting LGBTQ+ History Month, National Native American Heritage Month, Día de los Muertos, and Hispanic Heritage Month, with discussions on creating lasting campus traditions. Updates to the scholarship framework, adding the Black Honors College Director position, and calls for greater student representation on committees underscored ASI's commitment to fostering collaboration and meeting student needs.

• **Dates: (02/26/25), (03/03/25), (03/04/25)**

C Practice Meetings

Time: Time varies

**(Meeting with Assistant Dean College of Education)**

▪ **Date: Friday, November 15, 2024.**

Time: 10:30 AM 11:00 AM

Location: Zoom

I had a meeting with Sarah Marie, the Assistant Dean of the College of Education. During our conversation, we went over updates and concerns, especially focusing on my upcoming "Kick Off Event" scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>. We discussed the details for the event, which is aimed at helping students de-stress before finals. We touched on logistics such as location, snacks, games, and other activities to create an encouraging and supportive environment for students.

**Events**

- ❖ ASI new member orientation- **(06/21/24)**
- ❖ CA API policy Summit – **(09/18/24)**
- ❖ ASI Board Retreat **(08/09/24)– (08/11/24)**
- ❖ Football Watch Party: Sac State @ San Jose State – **(Tabled the Event) (08/29/24)**
- ❖ Football Watch Party: Sac state @ Fresno State – **(Tabled the Event) (09/07/24)**
- ❖ ASI President Group Photo- **(08/30/2024)**
- ❖ Sac State Historic Black College Ceremony – **(08/8/2024)**
- ❖ Sac State Presidents Fall Address – **(08/22/2024)**
- ❖ New Student & Parent Ceremony -(6pm-7pm) **(Tabled the Event) – (08/22/2024)**
- ❖ New Student & Parent Ceremony -(7:30pm-8:30pm) **(Tabled the Event)- (08/22/2024)**
- ❖ Attended Career Fair Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> (Day 2) **(10/02/24)**
- ❖ Filipino American History Month Kick-Off event **(10/9/24)**
- ❖ Meet and Greet with the Board (PROVOST) (4:30pm-6:30pm) **(10/9/24)**
- ❖ ASI HOCO 24 Pep Rally **(Tabled this Event)– (10/14/24)**
- ❖ HOCO 24 Golf Cart Decorating **(10/19/24)**
- ❖ APIDA and SWANA Center Tailgate (3PM-4PM)- **(10/19/24)**
- ❖ ASI HOCO 24 Tailgate **(Events Tabled (2)) (4PM-PM) One hour each (10/19/24)**
- ❖ HOCO 24 Football Game Vs Weber state- ***Participated for Crowd Signs Control* (10/19/24)**
- ❖ Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony @ The Harper Alumni center **(11/7/24)**
- ❖ The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Genocide **(11/15/24)**
- ❖ Final Football Watch Party **(11/16/24)**

- ❖ Causeway Classic Football Game **(11/23/24)**
- ❖ EDU KICKOFF EVENT **(12/4/24) (11am-1pm)**
- ❖ ASI Winter Wonderland **(12/4/24) (10am-2pm)**
- ❖ Textbook Grant Information Session **(12/19/24) (1pm-2:30pm)**
- ❖ President Spring Address **(01/16/25) (9am-11am)**
- ❖ Student and Family Convocation Ceremony **(11/16/25) (3pm-4pm)**
- ❖ ASI Midyear Retreat **(11/17/25) (8am-4:30pm)**
- ❖ Puzzles and Pizza with the board **(02/19/25) (11am-1pm)**
- ❖ Belonging Ambassadors session 2 **(02/26/25) (12pm-2pm)**
- ❖ GE Symposium Table Talks {In-Person} **(03/03/25) (1pm-2:40pm)**
- ❖ Erik Armstead Sac State signing Event **(03/03/25) (3:15pm-4:30pm)**

❖ **EDU KickOff Event - December 4, 2024 (11:00 AM- 1:00 PM)**

- I created this kickoff event to support my fellow students by providing them the opportunity to distress and relax their mind for a few minutes. I created to help students de-stress and take a breather from finals. I was thrilled by the turnout—it far exceeded my expectations, which felt so rewarding. With amazing support from Jenn, our Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Armando Perez, our Director of Undeclared Studies, the event ran smoothly and was a huge success. Seeing students take the time to relax and enjoy themselves in a supportive environment was incredibly fulfilling for me.





❖ **ASI Winter Wonderland. - December 4, 2024 (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)**

- Later that day, I attended the ASI Winter Wonderland event, and it was a perfect way to cap off the evening. The holiday spirit was alive with activities like cookie decorating, ornament crafting, and festive decorations. I especially enjoyed sipping hot chocolate while engaging in all the fun and interactive elements. It was a beautiful event that really captured the magic of the season and brought everyone together in such a positive way.



**Textbook Grant Information Session. - December 19, 2024 (1:00 PM - 2:30 PM)**

- ❖ The Textbook Grant Information Session was such a valuable experience for me and other students. It provided clear information about the transition from the textbook reimbursement program to a grant system. I appreciated how it addressed students' questions and helped them navigate the new process. Being part of a program that aims to ease the financial burden of textbooks and promote equitable access felt incredibly meaningful.

**President spring address. - January 16, 2025 (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 AM)**

- ❖ The President's Spring address was a warm welcome back to another semester at Sacramento State. There was a great turnout of students, families, and staff supporting the event. The president addressed many changes and concerns happening on campus. For example, he provided an update on our athletes and discussed some changes that will hopefully be beneficial to the university's growth and enrollment. He also reflected on and commemorated some of the great events and experiences from 2024, expressing his optimism for the new incoming students and the semester ahead.

**Student and family convocation ceremony. - January 16, 2025. (3:00 PM. - 4:00 PM)**

- ❖ This ceremony is designed to warmly welcome new students and their families to Sacramento State University. It serves as an opportunity to reassure parents and guardians that their students are entering a safe, supportive, and inclusive community. The president recognizes and understands the concerns families may have and offers reassurance that Sacramento State is a welcoming campus where everyone belongs, no matter their background. He emphasizes the significance of being a Hornet and highlights the valuable personal and academic growth students will experience through campus life and the broader university community.

**ASI midyear retreat. - January 17, 2025 (8:00 AM. - 4:30 PM)**

- ❖ The midyear retreat provided a valuable opportunity for board members to reconnect, reflect on our progress, and refocus on our priorities for the year. It was a time to catch up after the break while also setting clear goals and strategies for the semester ahead. The retreat was organized into focused sessions, each addressing key topics. During our meetings, board members reviewed accomplishments from the past semester, identified tasks that still need to be completed, and outlined responsibilities moving forward. We also participated in team-building activities designed to strengthen collaboration and support within the board. Overall, the retreat was a productive and enriching experience, ensuring that we are well-prepared to move forward with our goals for the upcoming semester.



### **Puzzles and pizza with the board**

- ❖ This event was a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to engage with one another, participate in puzzle construction, and enjoy some delicious pizza. I attended the entire event, and there was a great turnout of students. Towards the end, there was a special game where students took part in a hands-on activity, unwrapping a surprise. Overall, the event was a success!

### **Belonging Ambassadors (Session 2)**

- ❖ The "Belonging to Ambassadors" meeting served as an open forum where students could share their experiences-not just as Sac State students but also as transfer, exchange, or international students. Many individuals, including myself, shared diverse experiences. It was a great opportunity to listen to students' concerns and feelings about the specific changes taking place on campus.

### **GE Symposium Table Talks [In-person]**

- ❖ A wonderful event that focused on ideas that could make the general education experience in the future better. It was set up with many different tables with different staff members from different departments discussing questions and topics that generated ideas, concerns and feelings about the current GE program and the modification and changes that need to take place to make the students experience more better.

### **Erik Armstead/Sac State Signing Event**

- ❖ Fun and inspiring to see high school seniors other known as future, hornets and family friend's faculty members and students come together to celebrate a momentous occasion. It was a beautiful ceremony that had a level of entertainment, speeches, and historic moments like the signing of the document.

### Presentations

- ❖ EDSP 229 - Will finalize a date for my presentation upon professors' approval for next week Wednesday **(Completed)**
- ❖ NSM21 Section 85- Presented on **September 30<sup>th</sup>** with NSM Director Noor
- ❖ Eureka Hall Room 104- Presented on Thursday **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** with VPAA Jenn Galinato

### Meetings

- ❖ Meeting with Assistant Dean College of education myself and Sarah Jouganatos, we introduced ourselves and discussed upcoming year **(07/19/24), (07/26/24)**
- ❖ Met with Grad student's director about coordinating an event for grad students **(09/18/24)**
- ❖ Met with VPAA and an Undergrad student in correcting their academic schedule **(09/18/24)**
- ❖ Met with EVP to talk about the language in the BY-LAWS concerning words like Handicap also adding details about the PRIDE center while visiting the PRIDE center we consulted for the approval of the language. **(10/16/24)**
- ❖ Met VPAA to go over changes to legislation and add my name to a legislation as well **(10/16/24)**
- ❖ Meetings with VPAA on **10/02/24, 10/04/24**

### Tasks During Office Hours

- ❖ *Worked with students about academic questions and resources on campus*
- ❖ *Collaborate with other Board members*
- ❖ *Held a few meetings with Director of Grad Students*
- ❖ *Prepared for Board Meetings*
- ❖ *Budgeting For Kick-OFF event*
- ❖ *HOCO 24 meetings/discussions*

*If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided in my report, please don't hesitate to contact me I can be reached @- [asiedudirector@csus.edu](mailto:asiedudirector@csus.edu) Thank you.*

*Stingers Up Hornets*

*One Hive, One Voice*



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